

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 9 and 10. This sheet, which includes Fig. 9-10, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 9-10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, the figures and specification are objected to; claims 1 and 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102; and claim 2 is objected to. By this Amendment, the Abstract and Figures 9 and 10 are amended. No new matter is added.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 2 is objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but is otherwise allowable. For all of the reasons set forth below, all of claims 1-8 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

I. Objection to the Figures

Figs. 9 and 10 are objected to, on the basis that they should be labeled "Prior Art." Without conceding the propriety of the objection, Figs. 9 and 10 are amended herein to include the legend "Prior Art." Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

II. Objection to the Abstract

The Abstract is objected to as exceeding 150 words. By this Amendment, a new Abstract is provided. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

III. Rejection Under §102

Claims 1 and 3-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nishiguchi. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a Fresnel lens sheet having a Fresnel lens element group, each Fresnel lens element being composed of a Fresnel lens surface and a non-lens surface on a surface thereof, characterized in that a surface roughness of at least one of the Fresnel lens surface of the Fresnel lens element group, the non-lens surface of the Fresnel lens element group, and a sheet surface, on which no Fresnel lens element group is formed, of the

Fresnel lens sheet is made rougher from the central portion of the Fresnel lens sheet outwardly. Such a Fresnel lens sheet is not disclosed by Nishiguchi.

According to claim 1, a surface roughness of at least one of the Fresnel lens surface of the Fresnel lens element group, the non-lens surface of the Fresnel lens element group, and a sheet surface, on which no Fresnel lens element group is formed, of the Fresnel lens sheet is made rougher from the central portion of the Fresnel lens sheet outwardly. As a result of this express claim limitation, the sharpness of the image formed in the central portion of a projection screen having the Fresnel lens sheet can be assured. See, for example, the specification as filed at page 3, line 29 to page 4, line 11.

In contrast to the claimed invention, the Fresnel lens sheet of Nishiguchi does not have the feature that a surface roughness of at least one of the specified elements is made rougher from the central portion of the Fresnel lens sheet outwardly. Nishiguchi instead only discloses that the prism surfaces 2 become rougher from the prism surface at the outer periphery to the prism surface at the inner periphery. That is, the change in roughness is only within each individual prism. See Nishiguchi at Abstract. Alternatively, Nishiguchi also discloses that the non-prism surfaces (flank) 3 in the outer portion are roughed. See Nishiguchi at paragraph [0020].

These disclosures of Nishiguchi are different from the claimed invention. Nishiguchi does not disclose that the roughness difference is for the specified elements and is from more rough to less rough from the central portion of the Fresnel lens sheet outwardly.

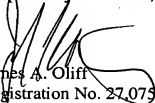
Because Nishiguchi does not disclose all of the limitations of the claimed invention, Nishiguchi does not anticipate the claimed invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Attachments

Substitute Sheet of Drawings
Abstract

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